



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

CW14-08

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Scattered Rain Storms Welcomed

For the week ending, July 6, 2008, the **days suitable for fieldwork** were **5.3** days in Maryland and **4.7** days in Delaware. Despite beneficial rains, some fields are still showing signs of stress due to dry conditions. One crop reporter in Central Maryland reported: “Scattered rain storms delivered up to one inch, with non-irrigated crops showing moisture stress.” **Corn** and **Soybeans** were both rated in mostly fair to good condition.

Hay supplies remain unchanged from the previous week of short to adequate throughout Maryland and Delaware. **Alfalfa Hay** harvest is behind schedule as compared to last year. **Apples** and **Peaches** were rated in mostly good to excellent condition in both Maryland and Delaware. Harvesting of **Green Peas** was nearly complete. **Potato** and **Sweet Corn** harvest began in both states. **Barley** is nearly all harvested and **Winter Wheat** harvest is over the half-way mark. **Pasture** conditions were rated fair to good in both states.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 6, 2008

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, 2 nd cutting	55	47	87	65	75	40	93	70
Alfalfa Hay, 3 rd cutting	4	0	4	4	0	0	0	2
Barley harvested	85	70	100	93	94	88	99	95
Cantaloups, harvested	11	3	9	7	2	1	4	4
Corn, silked	16	3	29	27	12	1	28	33
Cucumbers, harvested	9	5	0	14	12	5	1	8
Green Peas, harvested	99	91	76	92	84	82	98	94
Lima Beans, harvested	10	0	2	10	0	0	0	1
Other Hay, 2nd cutting	22	15	44	41	62	25	73	53
Peaches, harvested	3	0	6	4	5	0	9	7
Potatoes, harvested	4	1	4	12	1	0	1	3
Snap Beans, harvested	15	12	4	15	5	4	19	19
Soybeans, planted	90	84	94	86	81	75	92	88
Soybeans, emerged	78	71	89	95	75	51	71	86
Soybeans, blooming	3	0	2	4	2	1	4	3
Sweet Corn, harvested	9	0	13	10	4	0	13	7
Tomatoes, harvested	8	2	0	6	3	2	0	2
Watermelons, harvested	1	0	4	2	3	2	5	5
Winter Wheat, harvested	61	39	70	58	65	44	77	62

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 6, 2008

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Apples	0	0	2	94	4	0	2	13	74	11
Corn	5	8	21	53	13	3	13	47	27	10
Pasture	2	3	20	62	13	2	8	44	43	3
Peaches	0	0	7	76	17	0	1	10	65	24
Soybeans	2	6	27	60	5	1	8	55	29	7

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 6, 2008

Maryland					Delaware			
Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last
	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
Very Short	6	10	6	5	14	22	3	3
Short	17	11	10	9	28	30	41	37
Adequate	74	75	83	85	56	48	55	60
Surplus	3	4	1	1	2	0	1	0

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 6, 2008

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
		Since Jan 1					
	Total		Depart				Depart
	this		From				from
	Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.25	23.94	3.07	91	61	76	-1
Frederick	0.90	25.92	5.23	88	58	73	1
Frostburg	1.54	30.27	5.51	80	53	66	-2
Hagerstown	0.25	18.59	-1.51	89	59	73	-2
Mechanicsville	0.71	28.46	5.10	89	61	74	-2
Patuxent River	1.33	24.11	3.01	90	63	77	3
Ocean City	1.41	20.72	-1.97	92	68	79	5
Salisbury	1.56	22.84	0.22	91	58	76	2
Sharpsburg	1.24	25.46	4.67	88	55	71	-2
Stevensville	0.70	29.31	7.38	90	62	75	-1
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.28	28.82	9.64	93	65	78	-1
Delaware							
Dover	1.10	20.41	-1.96	92	65	77	2
Georgetown	0.37	16.96	-5.07	93	64	78	4
Wilmington	0.09	19.76	-1.33	92	64	76	2

^{1/}Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.
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